

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused

1. Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to continue to a future meeting the question of accepting the minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 2011 and the special meeting held October 18, 2011.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

3. Public Comment: None

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced Burrillville Youth Basketball Association mandatory assessments and provided a schedule.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley explained the Food For Fines program at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced the Interviewing Skills workshop at the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library.

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley announced upcoming Friends of the Library events, including a silent auction and a book sale.

Councilor Kevin D. Heitke announced that holiday cards designed based upon the 2011 art contest would soon become available.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard announced the Pumpkin Festival in Pascoag, commenting on recent road improvements in the downtown Pascoag area.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard announced the Burrillville Middle School ABC Club coat drive.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard announced a Bullying Taskforce meeting.

Councilor Stephen N. Rawson encouraged residents to make donations for fuel if they are able. Councilor Rawson commented on this year's low funding to St. Vincent de Paul, Between the Cracks, and other charities that provide heating assistance.

Birthday wishes extended to Nancy Binns and Kevin Heitke.

5. Petitions: None

6. Special Business:

11-267 VOTED to open discussion of correspondence from Marilyn McCullough of the Rhode Island Parent Information Network regarding the 2nd Annual Walk the Walk to Stop Bullying in Rhode Island; and recognition of Lisa Simpson's participation in the program.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

Discussion: Councilor Edward J. Blanchard commented on the Walk the Walk to Stop Bullying in Rhode Island recognition and presented Lisa Simpson with a citation acknowledging her work in the program.

7. Public Hearing: None

8. Unfinished Business:

11-261 VOTED to open the request from the Office of the General Treasurer that the Town Council adopt a resolution in support of pension reform.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

The question of pension reform was considered and discussed.

VOTED to adopt the Burrillville Town Council Pension Reform: The Time to Act is Now resolution, amended October 17, 2011 (as follows)

Burrillville Town Council

Pension Reform: The Time to Act is Now

Whereas, immediate comprehensive statewide pension reform is required to achieve affordability, continued economic growth and prosperity for all our citizens and future generations; and

Whereas, a failure to act responsibly now will not only endanger the sustainability of our pension system(s) but the taxpayers of the Town of Burrillville will be required to pay disproportionate, massive cost increases beginning in July of 2012; and

Whereas, our pension costs as proposed by the State Retirement Board for teachers will increase by \$1,113,000 (62%), effective July 1, 2012; and

Whereas, our pension costs as proposed by the State Retirement Board for school, non-teachers will rise by \$209,000 (178%), effective July 1, 2012; and

Whereas, our pension costs as proposed by the State Retirement Board for municipal workers will rise by \$239,000 (183%), effective July 1, 2012; and

Whereas, our pension costs as proposed by the State Retirement Board for police will increase by \$253,000 (164%), effective July 1, 2012; and

Whereas, the maximum increase in real estate tax for FY2013 is \$1,067,480 (\$619,139 of which is for school operations and \$448,341 is for municipal); and

Whereas, our career employees deserve a reasonable, secure retirement that will be there for them throughout their retirement years; and

Whereas, our taxpayers deserve an affordable pension system that will not force our town and school department to cut core services and jobs or raise taxes disproportionately to pay for pension systems that have arguably been mismanaged by the State (and a number of private, municipal pension systems) over many years; and

Whereas, cities and towns throughout the State have very different pension problems or financial scenarios that must be addressed separately without disproportionately affecting those pension

systems that are in good financial shape, such as Burrillville's pension plans; and

Whereas, those cities and towns that have pension systems that are in good financial shape should not be required to front load pension payments as proposed by the State Retirement Board to fund for arguably questionable assumptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby support immediate comprehensive statewide pension reform to ensure an affordable and sustainable pension system.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

9. New Business:

11-268 VOTED to open the correspondence from Jeffrey M. McCormick, P.E., Director of Public Works and Engineering Services, regarding his recommendation that the Town Council act on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, explained the procedure by which the Town Council endorses and submits Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects.

VOTED to adopt the recommendations of the DPW Director for the TIP program, including retaining Victory Highway on the list.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

Discussion: Mr. Wood observed for the record that new projects included Sayles Avenue between the post office and Laurel Hill Avenue, Mapleville Main Street between Victory Highway and Pole 4 on Cooper Hill Road and the existing project at Victory Highway, expanded to encompass the entire road within the Town of

Burrillville.

11-269 VOTED to open the correspondence from Cheri R. Hall, Director of Parks & Recreation, regarding the 21st Family Fair.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

Discussion: Cheri R. Hall, Director of Parks & Recreation, reported that only non-profit groups and service organizations would participate in the fair. Councilor Kevin D. Heitke pointed out that the Family Fair does not impact on the operating budget.

VOTED to authorize the 21st Family Fair on May 5, 2012.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-270 Correspondence from Councilor Wallace F. Lees, Chair, Screening Subcommittee, regarding the Subcommittee's recommendations.

VOTED to appoint Maureen Guilbault to the Housing Authority for a five year term; to expire on October 31, 2016.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

VOTED to appoint Tony R. Wood to the Narcotics Guidance Council to fill an unexpired three year term; to expire on November 30, 2013.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

VOTED to appoint Daniel P. Joubert Sr. to the Narcotics Guidance Council to fill an unexpired three year term; to expire November 30,

2013.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The motion carried, four in favor, one opposed, two excused. Voting in favor of the motion were Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees voted in opposition. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

VOTED to appoint Richard Nolan to the Sewer Commission to fill an unexpired three year term to expire June 30, 2014.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

VOTED to declare vacant the seat held by Joshua Steere on the Recreation Commission and to send a letter to him informing him of his removal.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro

Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-271 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the application from Jason Cahill for appointment to the Narcotics Guidance Council.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-272 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the application from Barbara A. Schouboe for appointment to the Library Board of Trustees.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-273 VOTED to reject the application from Joshua Steere for

reappointment to the Narcotics Guidance Council.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-274 VOTED to open the correspondence from Councilor Edward J. Blanchard regarding his report on Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association (DPNA) activity.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

Discussion: Councilor Edward J. Blanchard commented on the 2011 Pumpkin Night sponsored by the Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association, Burrillville Parks & Recreation and Burrillville Extended Care Division.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-275 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Andrea M. Bicki, City Clerk of the City of Woonsocket, regarding the Woonsocket City Council's request for support of a resolution related to statewide pension reform.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-276 VOTED to support the Middletown Town Council's resolution related to repeal of sales tax on tours within the State of Rhode Island.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the five members

present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-277 VOTED to open correspondence from Tracy Nelson Hay, Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond, regarding the Richmond Town Council's request for support of a resolution related to concerns raised by Tropical Storm Irene.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

Discussion: There was discussion of the problems associated with service by National Grid during and following the storm.

VOTED to support this resolution.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion carried, four in favor, one opposed, two excused. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D.

Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard voted in opposition. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

10. Town Clerk/Communication:

11-278 VOTED to open an announcement of 2011 Veterans Day Ceremony.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

Discussion: Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees commented on the beautiful Veterans Services conducted each year at Veterans Park, Pascoag. Mr. Lees encouraged attendance at the ceremony planned for November 11, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro

Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-279 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Kathleen Viera Beaudoin, Town Clerk of the Town of Portsmouth, regarding the Portsmouth Town Council's request for support of a resolution related to proposed tolls on Route 95 because we've already sent a resolution.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-280 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Tracy Nelson Hay, Town Clerk of the Town of Richmond, regarding the Richmond Town Council's action on the Burrillville Town Council's request for support of their RIPTA resolution.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret

L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11. VOTED to receive Reports #1 through 22:

- 1. Town Treasurer: Reports of July and August 2011**
- 2. Burrillville Sewer Commission: Report of September 2011; meeting of September 13, 2011**
- 3. Tax Collector: Report of September 2011**
- 4. Department of Public Works: Report of September 2011**
- 5. Chief of Police: No report**
- 6. Office of Building Official: Report of September 2011**
- 7. Animal Control Officer: Report of September 2011**
- 8. Burrillville Housing Authority: Meeting of August 10, 2011**
- 9. Planning Board/Town Planner: Meeting of September 12, 2011**
- 10. Zoning Board of Review: No report**
- 11. Parks and Recreation Department: No report**
- 12. Information Systems Department: October 2011**
- 13. Burrillville Conservation Commission: No report**
- 14. Ordinance Subcommittee: Meeting of July 21, 2011**
- 15. Redevelopment Agency: Meetings of July 26 and September 6 and 15, 2011**
- 16. B-PAC: No report**
- 17. Personnel Board: Meeting of September 13, 2011**
- 18. Screening Subcommittee: Meeting of September 1, 2011**
- 19. Budget Board: No report**

20. Burrillville School Committee: Meetings of August 16 and September 13, 2011

21. Emergency Management Agency: No report

22. Rubbish & Recycling Committee: Meetings of August 22 and September 14, 2011

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

12. Additional New Business:

11-281 VOTED to grant the request for executive session from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meeting Law:

[\$42-46-5(a)(2)] to consider and discuss collective bargaining between the Town of Burrillville and Council 94, Local 186; and [\$42-46-5(a)(2)] and [\$42-46-5(a)(3)] for discussion and action relative to security and the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Burrillville and the Burrillville Police Department FOP Lodge No. 27

[\$42-46-5(a)(5)] for discussion and action relative to acquisition, sale

or exchange of real property (Map 133, Lot 18).

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

There was a recess before executive session.

The Council returned to open session at 9:09 P.M.

VOTED to seal the minutes of executive session noting that one vote was taken which was to grant a well easement for Assessor's Map 133, Lot 18.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

11-282 Correspondence relative to acquisition, sale or exchange of real property (Map 133, Lot 18).

Note: The Town Council considered this item during Executive Session (Item 11-281), at which time they voted to grant a well easement for Assessor's Map 133, Lot 18.

13. VOTED to adjourn at 9:09 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous by the five members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Pro Tem Wallace F. Lees and Councilors Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilor David J. Place were excused.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk